

Rio Dell

Traffic Committee Meeting Agenda



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City Council (2)
Fire Chief
Water/ Roadway -
Superintendent
City Manager
Chief of Police
Community Dev. Dir.

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"Virtual" Special Meeting

September 17, 2020 – 3:00 P.M.

Rio Dell City Hall
675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562

Special Public Health Emergency Alterations To Meeting Format Coronavirus (Covid - 19)

Due to the unprecedented public health threats posed by COVID-19 and the resultant need for social distancing, changes to the Traffic Committee Meeting format are required. In balancing the health risk associated with COVID-19, public comment on agenda items can be submitted via email at: publiccomment@cityofriodell.ca.gov. Please note on Subject Line the agenda item the comment is directed to (example: 4. Public Presentations for items not on the agenda) and email no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Your comments will be read out loud, for up to three minutes during the Public Comments portion of the item on the agenda your comment pertains to. Public members may also participate in meeting for Public Comment via Zoom, by calling: **888-475-4499** US Toll-free and using Meeting ID: **842 8162 2969**, and follow the prompts. During Public Comment when you wish to speak raise your hand by pressing (*) 9 on your phone and (*) 6 to unmute. When it's your time to speak you will hear a prompt that will indicate your phone is unmuted. Please state your name before you begin to comment. To view the Traffic Committee Meetings full packet, go to the City's website at: cityofriodell.ca.gov.

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1. Call to order

- 2. Introductions/Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2020 (Action)**
- 4. Public Presentations**
- 5. Review Accident Report (Attached)**
- 6. Review the Parking issue on Pacific Ave to the north of Monument Road**
 - a. Review Pictures (Attached)**
 - b. Rio Dell Municipal Code Red Curb No Parking Zones (Attached)**
- 7. Update on the Disabled parking spot in front of 325 Center Street**
 - a. Review Pictures (Attached)**
- 8. Member Reports**
- 9. Adjournment**

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"Virtual" Special Meeting

August 19, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.

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1. Call to order

Chair Knopp called meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

2. Introductions/Roll Call

Chair Knopp asked Lumpkin to call out each Committee Member from the list for roll-call. Committee Members Johnson, Jensen, Knopp, Conner, and Caldwell were present constituting a quorum. Being a virtual- meeting we could see that F. Wilson was logged on, but he did not answer when his name was called out. Also, Julie Woodall, another Council Member was present at the meeting. Knopp requested that another roll-call be done at the end of meeting since one Committee Member was having technical issues and not able to respond and another may be joining late.

3. Scope of the Traffic Committee's duties

Chair Knopp went over the agenda and explained how each member of the Committee was appointed, or chosen. Then Knopp read the scope

of duties mentioned in the Rio Dell Municipal Code, and explained in further detail what is expected of the members of the Committee. Knopp went on to asked the members of the Committee if they have any suggestions to add. Conner was just made aware that a report of all traffic accidents was to be brought to the Committee for review and possible suggestions if streets or intersections could be modified to avoid future accidents. Johnson mentioned that he was happy that this meeting was scheduled and that he suggested the meeting on behalf of Shane Wilson, another member of the Committee. Knopp asked for Public Comment on the scope of duties. Since there were no comments, Knopp elected to move on to the next item on the agenda.

4. Intersection at Scenic and Eeloa

Chair Knopp asked if anyone wanted to take lead on item #4 on the agenda. Since S. Wilson had not joined the meeting, Knopp requested to come back to the item later in the meeting. Without objection from the Committee Knopp moved on to the next item on the agenda.

5. Parking on Pacific to the north of Monument

Chair Knopp asked the Committee if someone wanted to take lead on the topic and Chief Conner stepped in. Conner mentioned that many people have stated that the intersection where Monument meets Cherry and Pacific Ave is really confusing and asked that the curb North of Monument be painted red. Conner went on to state that he does not recommend we do so because of the lack of parking in the area. Johnson said he was very familiar with the intersection and that its really close to his house. There is a big truck that parks there occasionally and that he believes that painting the curb red would send the wrong message. There are only a few spots in town big enough to park such a big truck. Jensen mentioned that maybe the curb at the corner on each side of the stop sign be painted red to give a better visual of other cars at the intersection. Knopp mentioned that Karen may have the code for where curbs can be painted red. Jensen said there is a code, but he currently does not have it in front of him. Knopp went on to say, he would like to go up there with Jensen and see if there is a solution. Conner recommended that the item be brought back at the next meeting with drawings. The Committee agreed. Knopp asked if there were any Public Comments. No comments were made, so Knopp asked to move on to the next item on the agenda. S. Wilson joined meeting at 2:19P.M. also F. Wilson's technical problem was fixed; so, Knopp asked to back track to item# 4 on the agenda which was the intersection at Scenic and Eeloa.

Item# 4 Discussion

F. Wilson commented on how nice the new intersection was. S. Wilson mentioned that this intersection has been a horrible intersection for years, and has been a topic of discussion by this Committee for as long as he could remember. S. Wilson went on to state that he is not sure about this new intersection and if the problem is going to be solved with the new lines and signs. If it was him, he would have placed the stop sign coming North on Eeloa forward and tilted toward the curb from Scenic, but now with this new intersection the stop sign is placed even further back. At least the placement of the additional stop sign on Scenic to Eeloa makes people stop to give cars enough time to make it through the wide intersection. Hopefully the additional sign will help. A long time ago there was a stop sign on Scenic but it kept getting ran over. Johnson commented on how hard it was to see the cars before, and now it seems

adequate with the new stop sign. Jensen added that the intersection is way better, and if he could get 3 fence posts removed from the Cal- Tran's fence it be easier to maintain the grass and visibility at the intersection. Knopp mentioned that intersection work is not complete and that its hard working with Cal-Trans. There is a plan for weed mat, boulders, and wood chips to be placed along the South bound off ramp once the current project is complete. Knopp went on to add if anyone has any questions to call him at City Hall. Knopp asked for any Public Comments, and Julie Woodall said, "No." Knopp asked if no objection he would like to move on to item #6 on the agenda. Hearing no objection Knopp moved on to item #6.

6. Disabled parking spot in front of 325 Center Street

Chair Knopp asked for Conner to take the lead on this topic. Conner said an elderly woman requested a disabled parking space be placed along the street at 325 Center Street. There are many elderly guests that visit and they could really use an additional space. Knopp asked each member if they have any comments on the topic. In summary, Jensen is not sure about what that would entail. S. Wilson mentioned that he is not no expert but it would probably have to be ADA complaint, not just painting the curb blue. Johnson agreed with S. Wilson that it would probably need to be ADA compliant and it would be costly. Caldwell added that all ADA provisions are costly. Conner mentioned that Eureka did something similar and he would like to contact the City of Eureka and see what they did and would like to bring the item back at the next meeting. The Committee agreed and Knopp asked the Committee without objection he would like to move on to the next item on the agenda. Since there were no objections Knopp moved on to item #7 on the agenda.

7. Member Reports

Knopp went down the list of Committee Members and asked if they have anything to report. In summary, Caldwell mentioned that on the intersection on N. Monument our Municipal Code 10.05.780 Parking commercial vehicles in residential districts, no person shall park any commercial vehicle more than five hours in any residential district except when loading and or unloading or providing a service. Johnson asked if there is anything that the City Council can do to make the traffic better for the Police Department to let him know and he would bring it to the council. Knopp mentioned that in the past budget cycles the City had looked into additional signs. S. Wilson brought up First Avenue and asked for ideas on how to make it more accessible for the fire truck. Some ideas from the Committee include removing some sidewalks, possibly parking only on one side of street, or making the street a one-way street. S. Wilson is really concerned about not being able to get to a certain location in time during an emergency due to the congestion and narrow streets not being able to get the fire truck or emergency personnel through. Conner agreed with S. Wilson and wants to take a better look at First Avenue. Knopp asked the Committee to back up and let the public present. Knopp asked Woodall to speak.

Public Presentation

Woodall thought that an item that was brought up by an individual at a previous Nuisance Advisory Committee would be better addressed at the Traffic Committee than the Nuisance Advisory Committee. A gentleman mentioned that he had a concern with the intersection by Shotz Coffee and Brian Auto. He said it's hard to see around the U-Haul Trucks while trying to

pull out onto Wildwood Ave from the side street by Shotz Coffee. The Committee knows the area and agreed to look into it. If nothing else, Knopp asked Lumpkin to do a final roll-call. All Committee members were present. Knopp asked the Committee when would be a good time for the next meeting. With some discussion, they all agreed to have the next meeting on September 17 at 3:00 P.M. Knopp asked if no objection he would like to adjourn the meeting. All Committee Members agreed.

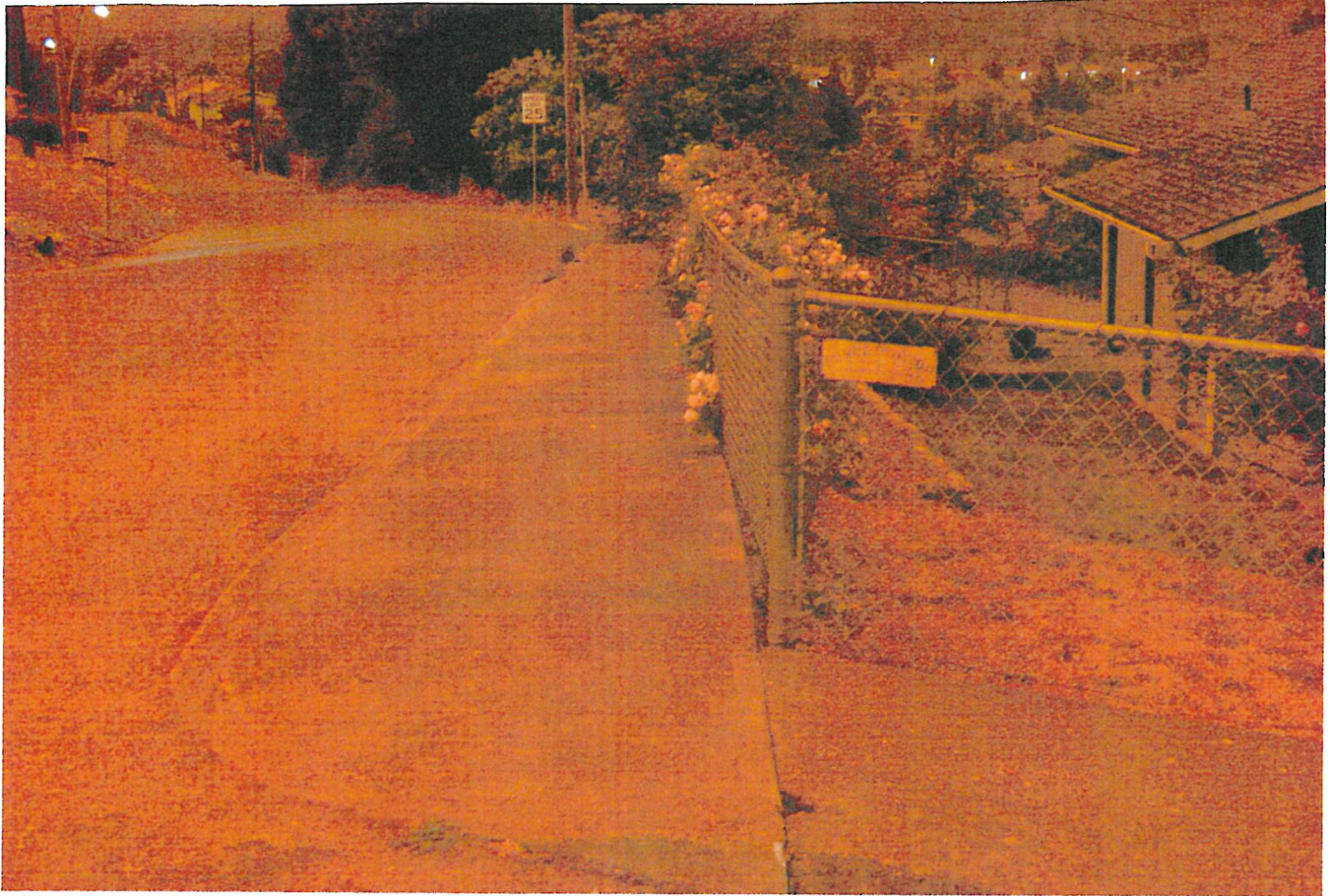
8. Adjournment

Knopp adjourned the meeting at 2:52 P.M.

Accident Report

Case #	Date	Time	Location	Speed Limit	Minor Injuries	Major Injuries	Fatal Injuries	DUI Involved	Hit and Run	Primary
20-0000124	04/03/2020	1355	72 FIRST AVE	25	0	0	0	0 Unk	Yes	CVC 22350
20-0000228	05/29/2020	2307	364 CENTER ST	25	0	0	0	0 Unk	Yes	CVC 22106
20-0000242	06/09/2020	1000	.400 NORTHWESTERN	55	unk	0	0	0 Unk	Yes	CVC 22350
20-0000295	07/04/2020	0002	70 WILDWOOD AVE	25	0	0	0	0 Unk	Yes	CVC 22106
20-0000351	08/02/2020	1924	87 BERKELEY ST	25	0	0	0	0 No	No	CVC 22106
20-0000365	08/13/2020	1434	75 WILDWOOD AVE	25	1	0	0	0 No	No	21950(A) VC

Pictures of the location where people park North of Monument Road along Pacific Ave



Article IX. Pedestrian Regulations

10.05.460 Traffic Specialist to establish marked crosswalks.

(1) The City Traffic Specialist shall establish, designate and maintain crosswalks at intersections and other places by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway as follows: Crosswalks shall be established and maintained at all intersections within the central traffic district and at such intersections outside such district and at other places within or outside said district where the City Traffic Specialist determines that there is particular hazard to pedestrians crossing the roadway subject to the limitation contained in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) Other than crosswalks at intersections, no crosswalk shall be established in any block which is less than 400 feet in length and such crosswalk shall be located as nearly as practicable at mid-block.

(3) The City Traffic Specialist may place signs at or adjacent to an intersection in respect to any crosswalk directing that pedestrians shall not cross in the crosswalk so indicated. [Ord. 181 § 1, 1984; Ord. 173 § 33-10.010, 1983.]

10.05.470 When pedestrians must use crosswalks.

No pedestrian shall cross a roadway other than by a crosswalk in the central traffic district or in any business district. [Ord. 173 § 33-10.020, 1983.]

10.05.480 Standing in roadway.

No person shall stand in any roadway other than in a safety zone or in a crosswalk if such action interferes with the lawful movement of traffic. This section shall not apply to any public officer or employee or employee of a public utility necessarily upon a street in the line of duty. [Ord. 173 § 33-10.030, 1983.]

Article X. Stopping, Standing and Parking for Certain Purposes or in Certain Places

10.05.490 Application of regulations.

(1) The provisions of this chapter prohibiting the stopping, standing or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times herein specified, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device.

(2) The provisions of this chapter imposing a time limit on standing or parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of the Vehicle Code or the ordinances of this City prohibiting or limiting the standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times. [Ord. 173 § 33-11.010, 1983.]

10.05.500 Stopping or standing in parkways prohibited.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within any parkway. [Ord. 173 § 33-11.020, 1983.]

10.05.510 Traffic Specialist to maintain no stopping zones and no parking areas.

The City Traffic Specialist is hereby authorized to maintain, by appropriate signs or by paint upon the **curb** surface, all no stopping zones, no parking areas, and restricted parking areas, as defined and described in this chapter.

When said **curb** markings or signs are in place, no operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park such vehicle adjacent to any such legible **curb** marking or sign in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. [Ord. 181 § 1, 1984; Ord. 173 § 33-11.030, 1983.]

10.05.520 No parking areas.

No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand, park, or leave standing such vehicle in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or other authorized officer, or traffic sign or signal:

- (1) Within any divisional island unless authorized and clearly indicated with appropriate signs or markings.
- (2) On either side of any street between the projected property lines of any public walk, public steps, street, or thoroughfare terminating at such street, when such area is indicated by appropriate signs or by **red** paint upon the **curb** surface.
- (3) In any area where the City Traffic Specialist determines that the parking or stopping of a vehicle would constitute a traffic hazard or would endanger life or property, when such area is indicated by appropriate signs or by **red** paint upon the **curb** surface.
- (4) In any area established by resolution of the Council as a no parking area, when such area is indicated by appropriate signs or by **red** paint upon the **curb** surface.
- (5) Upon, along or across any railway track in such manner as to hinder, delay, or obstruct the movement of any car traveling upon such track.
- (6) In any area where the parking or stopping of any vehicle would constitute a traffic hazard or would endanger life or property.
- (7) On any street or highway where the use of such street or highway or a portion thereof is necessary for the cleaning, repair or construction of the street or highway or the installation of underground utilities or where the use of the street or highway or any portion thereof is authorized for purposes other than the normal flow of traffic or where the use of the street or highway or any portion thereof is necessary for the movement of equipment, articles or structures of unusual size, and the parking of such vehicle would prohibit or interfere with such use or movement; provided, that signs giving notice of such no parking are erected or placed at least 24 hours prior to the effective time of such no parking.
- (8) At any place within 20 feet of a point on the **curb** immediately opposite the midblock end of a safety zone, when such place is indicated by appropriate signs or by **red** paint upon the **curb** surface.
- (9) At any place within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection in the central traffic district when such place is indicated by appropriate signs or by **red** paint upon the **curb** surface except that a bus may stop at a designated bus stop.
- (10) Within 20 feet of the approach to any traffic signal, boulevard stop sign, or official electric flashing device. [Ord. 181 § 1, 1984; Ord. 173 § 33-11.040, 1983.]

10.05.530 Use of streets for storage of vehicles prohibited.

No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall park such vehicle upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of 72 hours. [Ord. 173 § 33-11.050, 1983.]

10.05.540 Parking for demonstration.

No operator of any vehicle shall park said vehicle upon any street in this City for the principal purpose of advertising or displaying it for sale, unless authorized by resolution of the Council. [Ord. 173 § 33-11.060, 1983.]

10.05.550 Repairing or greasing vehicles on public streets.

No person shall construct or cause to be constructed, repair or cause to be repaired, grease or cause to be greased, dismantle or cause to be dismantled any vehicle or any part thereof upon any public street in this City. Temporary emergency repairs may be made upon a public street. [Ord. 173 § 33-11.070, 1983.]

10.05.560 Washing or polishing vehicles.

No person shall wash or cause to be washed, polish or cause to be polished any vehicle or any part thereof upon any public street in this City when a charge is made for such service. [Ord. 173 § 33-11.080, 1983.]

10.05.570 Parking adjacent to schools.

(1) The City Traffic Specialist is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon that side of any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in his opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation.

(2) When official signs are erected prohibiting parking upon that side of a street adjacent to any school property, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place. [Ord. 181 § 1, 1984; Ord. 173 § 33-11.090, 1983.]

10.05.580 Parking prohibited on narrow streets.

(1) The City Traffic Specialist is hereby authorized to place signs or markings indicating no parking upon any street when the width of the roadway does not exceed 20 feet, or upon one side of a street as indicated by such signs or markings when the width of the roadway does not exceed 30 feet.

(2) When official signs or markings prohibiting parking are erected upon narrow streets as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign or marking. [Ord. 181 § 1, 1984; Ord. 173 § 33-11.100, 1983.]

10.05.590 Parking on grades.

No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle unattended on a highway when upon any grade exceeding three percent within any business or residence district without blocking the wheels of said vehicle by turning them against the **curb** or by other means. [Ord. 173 § 33-11.110, 1983.]

Pictures of 325 Center St

